THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) In the latest acts of violence in Assam 30 persons were between 8-12 August, 2007 in Karbi Anglong District. According to information received from the State Government it is suspected that members of ULFA and the Karbi Longri North Cachar Hills Liberation Front (KLNCHLF) have perpetrated these killings.

(c) The details of the number of persons killed by terrorists in Assam during the last three years are given in the table below:—

Year	No. of Civilians Killed	Security Forces personnel killed
2005	173	07
2006	164	32
2007 (up to 15.8.2007)	219	15

(d) The Central Government has been maintaining close and continuous coordination with the, State Government and supplementing their efforts on a continuing basis with the aim of putting in place effective measures to control the activities of the various militant groups. The steps taken in this regard, *inter alia*, include deployment of Central Security Forces, including Army, to assist the State police, sharing of intelligence, provision of assistance to the State Government for strengthening and modernization of the local police, raising of India Reserve Battalions, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government, etc. The situation is being reviewed and monitored on a regular basis.

After the recent incidents in Karbi Anglong district, the Minister of State, Shri Sriprakash Jaiswal visited the State, including the site, alongwith High Level team comprising the Special Secretary (Internal Security), and, the Directors General of the CRPF and BSF for a detailed review of the situation with the State authorities. In the wake of these incidents the State Government and the Central Security Forces have intensified patrolling and counter insurgency operations in the area. Around 4000 persons living in isolated and remote areas have also been shifted to safer locations. With a view to strengthening the security arrangements in the area, apart from effective utilization of the Central Security Forces it has also been decided by the State Government to establish additional police stations and police outposts in the District.

Modernisation in the Industrial Disputes Act

*233. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are modernizing the Industrial Disputes Act to keep pace with our efforts to integrate and compete in the global economy; and

(b) if so, whether the areas like retrenchment, forcing employers to retain unproductive employees etc. be selectively dealt with, so that keeping in view our

ground realities, modifications in the Industrial Disputes Act be made to maintain our competitiveness in fast changing global business environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) In accordance with the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) requirement that changes in labour laws must take place after consultation with the industry and trade unions, Ministry of Labour and Employment has held tripartite consultations with them and formulated certain draft proposals for amendment in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The draft proposals are at the stage of consultation with the Central Ministries/Departments.

Destruction of livestook and agriculture due to heavy rain and floods

*234. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale destruction of livestock and agriculture have occurred due to heavy rain and floods in various States;

(b) whether Government made proper assessment of the losses;

(c) whether Government have received request for Central assistance for relief work from the States;

(d) if so, the details with particular reference to Kerala; and

(e) the details of amount sought by the States and the funds sanctioned, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (e) As per the information received from the State/UT Governments, based on their preliminary assessment, 90671 livestock have perished and crops in an area of 50.39 lakh hectares are reported to have been damaged due to heavy rains and floods during South-West monsoon 2007 in 21 States and 01 UT.

So far, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh have submitted memoranda seeking additional Central assistance of Rs. 1537.99 crore, Rs. 406.42 crore, Rs. 562.58 crore, Rs. 306.70 crore and Rs. 2200.00 crore respectively for relief operations in the wake of heavy rains/ floods of 2007. Inter-Ministerial Central Teams were constituted immediately by Ministry of Home Affairs and they have visited all the aforesaid States, for an on the spot assessment of damage and requirements of funds. The reports of the Central Teams are being processed in conformity with laid down procedure.

The Government of Bihar has requested for Central assistance towards short term, medium term and long term measures to manage the recurring flood situation in the State. However, the State has not yet submitted its memorandum seeking additional financial assistance under National Calamity Contingency Fund. In the meanwhile, Government of India has already constituted an Inter-Ministerial Central Team to visit the State, on receiving the memorandum.